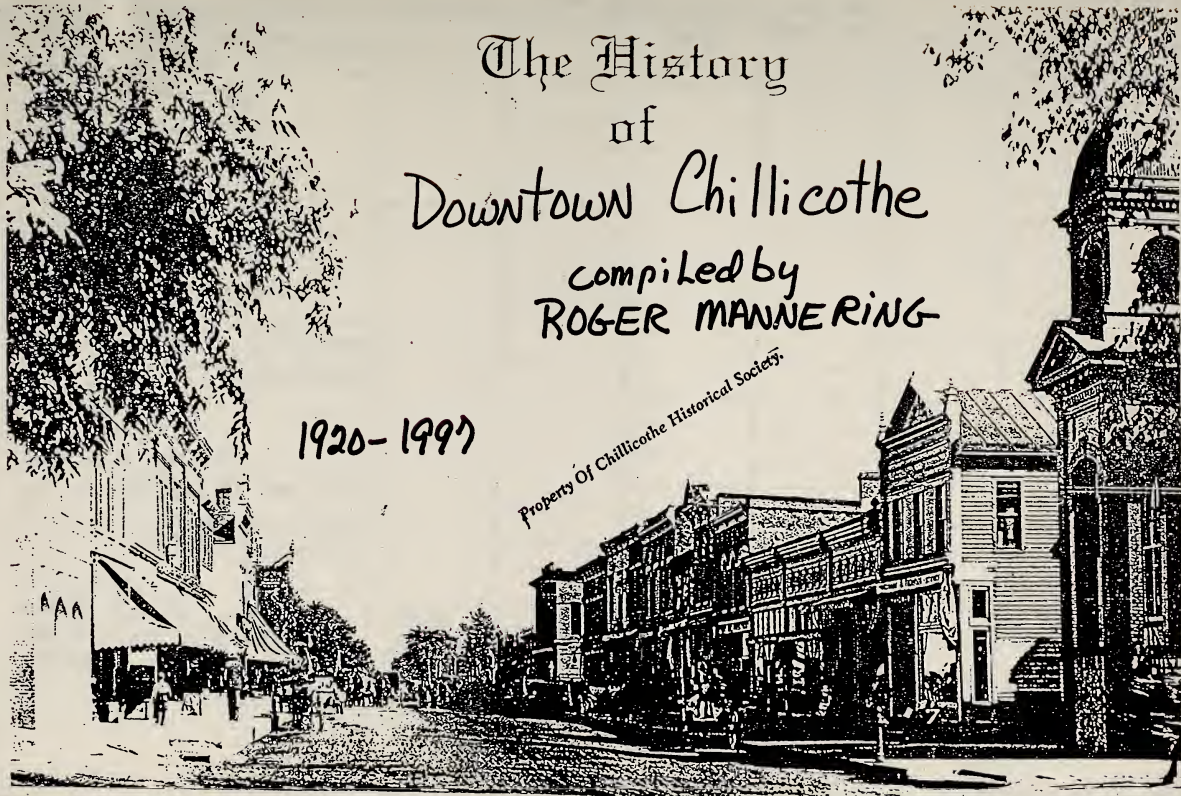


# The History of Downtown Chillicothe

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1920-1997

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1997 HOUSE		1100 BLOCK EAST 2nd ST.						Page 1 SOUTH	
JOHN'S BODY SHOP 1120	POST OFC. DRIVEWAY	POST OFC.	POST OFC.	POST OFC. 1940	POST OFC.	POST OFC.	POST OFC.	CPA PATRICK McELHILNEY	CPA PATRICK McELHILNEY 1104
CHEV. GARAGE									
GRAVES									
STUDEBAKER GARAGE									RADIO STATION
RAY BORENS									JIM DUNBAR
TIRE SHOP LOUIS	Body SHOP								VERNE
STOECKER	CHUCK CAMP								NORTHRUP
									MELVIN LADD
TIRE SHOP									
KENDALL OIL	TAXI STAND								BILL MILLE
JOHN	ED WOODS								
BURKHARDT	FINLEY								CHAS. HIGH
1920	1920	1920	1920	1920					GEO. STUMBAU
BROCK'S HOUSE	BATTERY MFG.	LIVERY STABLE	HOUSE HIGH CAMP	BLACK SMITH SHOP FRED MEIXNER					1920 PHILLIPS 66 OIL STATION
GEO. FOOTE	EARL CAMP								

1997	BAILEY'S IRISH PUB	COVERED WAGON CRAFTS	COVERED WAGON CRAFTS	CAROLYN'S JEWELRY	1000 BLOCK EAST 2nd ST.					
1046	FINNEGAN'S AGAIN	1044	1042	1040	MASTER CRAFT CLEANERS	CHELY'S HAIR SALOON	FAMILY ADAMS & SONS CHIROPRACTICE	CHILLICOTHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Page-2	SOUTH
SKINNEY'S					1036	1032	1030	1028	POOL HALL	PRATHER STORAGE
TAP					ISAACSON		ALFONZO'S PIZZA	MEAT MKT	1026	1024
HARRY WHISTON HOME					SELF SERVICE		SKINNEY'S TAP	BOB SHAW	NEEDLE 'N' THREAD CAROL GREER	
PARKSIDE	J.C.	PENNEY		WALKER'S		CONTINENTAL	TAVERN		MANNERING'S	
TAVERN				JEWELRY	BROWN LYNCH	HARDWARE	BAXTER	MEAT MKT	NORMAN ADMIRE	
BOB FINLEY					HARDWARE	ELLIOTT + PICKLE		ETSEL NUNN	MANNERING'S INC.	
TAVERN					TONY GENSLE		TAVERN		MANNERING'S	X
OWEN CRUMRINE		SKEL GAS		LYND'S			GUY WELCH	MEAT MKT.	MENS WEAR	STORAGE
	J.C. PENNEY	ELECTRIC		JEWELRY				WM. TRAUB	DUNLAP JEWELRY	
PARKSIDE	1927	GUNTHER		1944	CAFE	SHOE REPAIR			SHOE REPAIR	DRESS SHOP LURA LONG
TAVERN					CHUCK HOYT	MARTY	DEEP SAAD		MARTY	SUNSET CLEANING
1933 SAM PARSONS POULTRY + CREAMERY		PALACE		AUTO SALES		GOLLNITZ	ICE CREAM		GOLLNITZ	ROWE + SWEENEY
PUBLIC		OF SWEETS		KENNETH	PALACE	BECK'S	PARLOR	HARDWARE		SUNSET CLEANING
SERVICE		ORLA		KOCH	THEATRE	BEN ALVAREZ		ELLIOTT	RESTAURANT	HICKS ELECTRIC
OF N. ILL.		CRUTHFIELD			1925	SHOE STORE	CREAMERY		LANE	1935
1920	1920	1920		MAJESTIC	1920	BECKER	SAM PARSONS	LOU STAHL		RADIO REPAIR
PLUMBING	GOLDEN RULE	PALACE		TAVERN	HYPODROME	TOM SIEDLARZ SHOE REPAIR		CIGAR MAKER	RESTAURANT	HARVEY POWERS
D.L. DAVIS	STORE	OF SWEETS		SAM CREW	THEATRE	1920	1920	+ CARDS	HANNAH YOROT	MATHIS
SALOON	CELIA	SAGE				REPAIR	JEWELRY	BARBER	1920	ART STUDIO
	CALLAHAN					DAVE	FRED BAYLES	SHOP + BATH	POST OFC.	CLOTHING
									OFFICE	STORE
									1891	

1997	PRATHER STORAGE	HAYMART FURNITURE	KEN KARMAN	KEN KARMAN	1000 BLOCK EAST 2nd ST. ILLINOIS VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOME				Page-3 SOUTH
	1022	1020	1018	1016	1008				
	CAROL GREER								
	MANNERINGS								
	N. ADMIRE	TRIAX							
		CABLE			GROCERY JIM CALDWELL	KROGER STORE			
	MANNERINGS								
	NEWSWEAR	HICK'S		BULLETIN					
		INSURANCE		W.W. SANDERS 1951					
	JEWELRY GENE BLACKWELL		BARBER SHOP						
		CHILLICOTHE	BRENNER		GROCERY CALDWELL + ROLAN				
		LOAN +	PENNINGTON	BULLETIN	1925				
	JEWELRY	HOMEHEAD		G.P. SCOTT 1920					
	CALVIN FOOTE	ASSOC. 1888							
	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1930			
	BARBER SHOP	INSURANCE	LYND'S JEWELRY 1912	CHILLICOTHE BULLETIN					
	GEO. JOHN'S	REAL ESTATE E.A. MITCHELL		FRANK BAILEY					



1997	HAY MART FURNITURE	VACANT	VACANT	MAHONEY LAWYER	1000 BLOCK WEST 2nd St.				Page 5 South
	1017		1017	1011	1007				
	JACK BRADLEY	HAY MART FURNITURE							
		Vacum Furniture							
	PHOTO SHOP	FURNITURE							
	BRADLEY	JIM + NANEY	EDWARDS						
	1973								
	APPLIANCE	FURNITURE							
	STORE	STAUMBAUGH							
	KINKLE			PEOPLES					
		GUNTHER		SAVINGS + LOAN					
		SKELGAS + FURNITURE		1925					
	APPLIANCE								
	STORE				FIRST				
	PRATHER	DEEP SAAD	UPSTAIRS	NATIONAL					
		ICE CREAM PARLOR	DR. KREFT DR. CASE DENTIST	BANK					
		VEERMAN'S							
	LARKIN	BAKERY	BARBER	POST					
	STORE	1928							
	1927	DR. DAUSHART	SHOP	OFFICE	UPSTAIRS				
		DR. PEARCE	BREWER	UPSTAIRS	DR. ALLEN				
		DENTIST	+ PENNINGTON	DR. SASHIMI	DR. S. LADUE				
	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920				
		SNYDER'S	BARBER	JEWELRY	CANDY				
		BAKERY	SHOP	F.E. LYND	STORE				
			BRENNER						
		HERMAN MEHL			BRUCE GALE				

1997

1000 Block West 2nd St									
NORTH					Page-4 SOUTH				
COMMERCE BANK	BANK DRIVE	BANK DRIVE	AMER. LEG. OUTSIDE LOT	AMER. LEG. OUTSIDE LOT	AMER. LEG. TAVERN	HUSS HARDWARE	HAYMART FURNITURE	TOWN THEATRE	TOWN THEATRE
1037					1043	1037	1033	1029	
			REAL ESTATE			GAMBLE STORE			BEAUTY SHK
			WM. TRAUB			G. CONROY 1951	SKOGMO		SUNSET
						GAMBLE STORE	BILL DUNLAP		CAFE
			SHOE			CHET TYSON	1952		
		LITTLE	REPAIR	ANDY'S		GAMBLE STORE	TAVERN	RESTAURANT	CHUCK HOYT
		GEM	TOM SEIDLARZ	BARBER		BILL DUNLAP	PAT SWEENEY	RUBY + HARRY THOMAS	JIM GUMPTON
CHILLICOTHE		CAFE		SHOP		ROYAL BLUE			BARBER
STATE		MAGGIE DEVISS MARY WINDAUGH			CARLISLE	ROLAN + ROOT			SHOP
BANK			TAVERN		DRUGS	1932		SUNSET	BEAUMONT + SCHWARTZ
1971	BARBER		V.F.W.		1932	VARIETY	DAIRY CREAM	CLEANERS	
	SHOP		FRANK HUMPHREY	BEAUTY		STORE	HELEN BEHRENS	ROG MANNERING	
	BILL DEVISS		BARBER	SHOP		FRANK ROLAN	ED BENNETT TAVERN	1931	HOBBO TAILORS
SCOTT'S		CHILLI	SHOP		UPSTAIRS HARRY CAMP		BASEMENT 1938		
SUPER		PARLOR	BEAUMONT + SCHWARTZ		SIGN PAINTER	VARIETY		SUNSET	AUTO PARTS
MARKET		ESTES			UPSTAIRS DR WEAVER	STORE	DEEP SAAD	CLEANERS	GEO. FOOTE
					MD	WESTERMAN	ICE CREAM PARLOR	DAD FLEETWOOD 1927	
1920	1920	1920	1920		1920	1920	1920	SUNSET	THEATRE 1927
KELLY	OYSTER	CHILLI	GIGAR		GLEASON'S	GROCERY	SAMPLE ROOM	1920	1920
DRY	HOUSE	PARLOR	FACTORY		DRUGS	LEE CARTER	ED BENNETT	KELLY	3 STORY BLD
GOODS	W.W. BURNS	ERNIE COX	HENRY CLEVELAND				CLOTHIER	BURNED	1922

1997	LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY 952	FRAMES OF MIND 948	SCHAEFFER HOBBY 946	JANE PRINCE CERAMICS 944	JANE PRINCE CERAMICS 942	900 BLOCK EAST 2nd st. LAUNDRY MAT 940	DREAM ILLUSTRATIONS 934	FEDORA'S PIZZA 932	PAGE-6 MARGE'S TAVERN 930	SOUTH Bicycle SHOP 924
			PRINTOGRAPHY					CHILLICOTHE FEDERAL		PLUMBING
	FURNITURE STORE	FURNITURE STORE	BASEBALL				ARTIST SHOP	SAVINGS+LOAN 1936	MARGE'S LOU TAYLOR	CICCIARELL
	ORRIN PH. AIRCO FURNACE + SHEET METAL	LLIPS	CARD SHOP	PRINT SHOP	BEAUTY					BAKERY
	RED+WHITE		BAIT SHOP	NEIL RISSINGER HYDE PRINTING	SHOP		BAKERY	G+K PLUMBING		RYDER
	K. CARR			PIZZA PARLOR	LEONA LEWIS	Duck PIN BOWLING	ED WEITZ	GRAHAM + Keeling		MEAT MARKET ROY STEVENSON
	A+P STORE		GUITAR		WIMPY'S		TAVERN		TAVERN	
	K. CARR	GAMBLE	SHOP		TAVERN		PAT SWEENEY		EARL FULTON	
		STORE	DALTON	ANTLER BAR	Richie JOHNSON			FURNACE + SHEET METAL		
	A+P STORE	BILL DUNLAP		DEWEY SCRETON						
	BOLTON		RESTAURANT			FURNITURE	FUNERAL	BOB SEMPTNER 1942		ANTIQUE
	1st. MGR.		MURPHY'S	TAILOR SHOP		KAUF	PARLOR		TAVERN	SHOP
	CARD	KROGER		E. DRILLON 1906		ANDERSON	KAUF	FURNACE + SHEET METAL	WIMPY'S + GIMPY'S WELCH + JOHNSON	NORD WALL
	PLAYING	1925		UPSTAIRS			ANDERSON	CHAS. SEMPTNER 1938	MARGE'S	MEAT MARKET
	CHAS. BROWN								TAVERN	COLVIN
	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	
	SALOON		MRS. MEYERS	FIRST		FURNITURE	FUNERAL	ENQUIRER		
	DAUGHERTY		RESTAURANT	NATIONAL		CHRIS KAUF	PARLOR	PAPER		
	BLDG.		FANNETS	BANK		1895	CHRIS KAUF	BATES		

1997

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CHIROPRACTIC

PAT'S  
SAND BAR

JERRY SEE  
INSURANCE

CHILLICOTHE  
VETERAN

- 900 BLOCK EAST 2nd St.			
CITY HALL	CITY HALL		

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922

918

916

914

908

GREYHOUND  
BUS DEPOT

WHITE STAR  
BUS DEPOT

APOLLO REST.  
GEO. COOK

NEW BUILDING

1928

APOLLO CAFE

HELEN + DAVE  
+ LUCY DE POMPE

$$B + B$$

PLASTIC

ICE CREAM  
PARLOR

PAUL + HELEN PASDIK

WESTERN  
AUTO

PALACE

POOL HALL

CLIFF NIXON

BACON  
ELECTRIC  
+ FEED STORE

F. E. BACON

1920

1920

1920

POOL HALL

## BOWLING

SHEET METAL

ALEX LAKIS

ALLEY

SHOP

CITY	HALL
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ALEX LAKIS

TOM KEENE

OLD BUILDING

1879

NEW THOMPSON



4th Block WEST 2nd St.									
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SUAREZ 953	TANNING SHOP 949	HAIR Co. SALON 947	SEW + SUCH 941	SEW + SUCH 941	PET SHOP 939	OPTOMETRIST MUNDY 937	VACANT	PRINTOGRAPH 935	HARNE SHO 933
OPTOMETRIST	CRRAFTY						ATTIC ADVENTURE	REAL ESTATE	
KRUGER	LADY				JOHN LEE 1972	HEIDEN T-SHIRT WORLD	JANE'S DRESS SHOP	RUSS SMITH	HAIR Co.
	WESTERN AUTO	WESTERN AUTO				INSURANCE		HERSCH'S	
JEWELRY					DRUG STORE	FRED SCHEELER		TV + RADIO	
BUZZ DUNLAP			BEN FRANKLIN		GILOMEN 1957		CHILLICOTHE	DON REED	
	FURNITURE STORE	FURNITURE STORE	JOHN LEE			CARD SHOP	FEDERAL SAVINGS + LOAN	BARBER SHOP	
	EDDIE EDWARDS					SLIM HARLAN		STAAB + LOCKE APPLIANCE STORE	
TRUITT					DRUG STORE		HUNTER		
MATTHEWS					GEARIEN 1945		LUMBER CO.	HUNTER	
BANK	UPSTAIRS		SMITH	VARIETY		CIGAR MFG		LUMBER	
DR. THOMAS	Masonic Hall					CARD SHOP			TAILOR
DR. MILES					DRUG STORE	DICK FINN		GROCERY	EMIL DRILLON
DR. UPSTAIRS					MOFFITT			POPPENS	
1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920
GROCERY	ICE CREAM	GROCERY	P. T. MATTHEWS		1920	1920	1920	1920	1920
CLARK	PARLOR	CHAS. BAER	STORE		1916		TRUITT	GROCERY	WAIT
	JOHN PASDIK		1838		SMITH BROS.		MATTHEWS	WESCOTT	BROS.
					DRUG STORE		BANK	1901	1914
					MEAN - 1860				

1991

900 BLOCK - WEST 2nd St.		Page 9		SOUTH	
ODD FELLOWS	GEIGER	MADDOX	TRAUB REALTY	ANDY'S BARBER	T. V REPAIR
925	917	915	913	911	909
MAMMA'S ATTIC					
DRESS SHOP	GEIGER		JOHN'S		PUBLIC
TOWNSHIP	HARDWARE		SHOE REPAIR		SERVICE
THIS 'n THAT	1938				NORTHERN
MOONEY EDWARDS REED KIRBY	CHILLICOTHE HARDWARE	LIDO		TAVERN	ILL.
	CLAYTON SCHWAGER	CAFE	MONTGOMERY	LARRY O'CONNELL	
ARTISTIC	1928		WARD		
CLEANERS	CHILLICOTHE HARDWARE		MAIL ORDER	TAVERN	
RALPH KING	W.L. McCLUNE	ARISTON		CHAS. LEIGHTON	
	1922	CAFE			
UPSTAIRS ODD FELLOWS	CHILLICOTHE HARDWARE	1943	CHILLICOTHE	CAR DEALER	
1722	JOHN FLYNN	CLAYCOMB + SWEENEY	AMUSEMENT	BRUCE + CERNIC	
PLAIN PRICE	1935	POST	CO.	1928	
STORE	CHILLICOTHE HARDWARE	OFFICE	MERL DAVIS		RESTAURANT
OSCAR MELAUGHLIN	FM. FISCHER	1930			HERB JUSTICE
	1896	UPSTAIRS	DR. FRANK	UPSTAIRS	CHAS. SUTTON
		BACON ELECTRIC	1920	GREEN-DR	
1920	1920	OFFICE	1920	1920	1920
	HARDWARE	REAL ESTATE	4	RYDER'S	RESTAURANT
J.D. LEEPER	D.B. BLAND	INSURANCE		BAKERY	HANNAH YORDT
OWNER	1894	H.C. CARROLL			
		1893 to 1920			

1997 CHILLICOTHE  
POLICE DEPT.  
823 821

DR THOMAS  
STROUT-CHR  
CHIROPRACTOR

BOB SMITH  
AGENCY  
1971-1984  
TOM BENTON  
WALTER VIGOR  
FRED  
SCHELLER

CHILLICOTHE

FEDERAL

SAVINGS + LOAN

1953

WEBB'S INN

DEAN

CLAY COMB +

JIM

SWEENEY

1920

WEBB'S INN

GEO. + MYRTLE

P.T. MATTHEW'S HOME

800. BLOCK WEST 2nd ST.

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1997 LIBRARY		NEW IMAGE		800 BLOCK East Side 2nd Street		Page-10 South	
822		BEAUTY SHOP	810	406			
				GUITAR SHOP			
				SKATING			
				RINK			
				VAN SMITH			
		BARBER					
	HOT DOG	BOB LOCKE	PRINCESS				
	STAND		PEGGY				
	ALEX LAKIS		GARAGE				
		SADIE'S	IRE SEWARD				
	PHOTO	BEAUTY	JARVIS				
	GALLERY	PARLOR	CHEVROLET				
	LIBRARY	LOU CLARK	1936				
	BUILT						
	1916	ARTISTIC					
		CLEANERS	GARAGE				
		GRUM					
		+ LEIGHTON	BUCK ALLEN				
		1932					
1920	1920	1920	1920	1920			
	WEBER	WEBER	GARAGE				
	FURNITURE	FUNERAL	W.R. BABB				
	STORE	PARLOR					
	1832	1852					

► The "Original Town" of Chillicothe, Illinois was platted and filed in the Peoria County Recorder's Office by Samuel T. McKean in 1834. The town consisted of four blocks, parallel to the Illinois River. There were three east/west streets, Elm, Walnut and Pine and three north/south streets Water, First, and Second. The town's name is derived from the first Chillicothe town located in Ross County, Ohio, which is a native Indian word meaning "meeting" or "gathering" place.

In 1836, a second plat of the Town of Chillicothe was filed at Peoria, which has caused some confusion. The second plat is the first Addition to the Town of Chillicothe and is known as the Jameson Harrison and Joseph Hart Addition. The Addition adds thirty-eight blocks plus a public square to the Original Town. The Addition expanded the town north from Pine Street to Truitt Street to Sixth Street. The east on the Section line to Elm Street and Second Street; Jameson paid McKean \$1200 for the land. (\$30,600 in 2012 CPI dollars)

► The Rock Island Railroad runs parallel to Third Street and was constructed in 1854 by the Peoria & Bureau Valley Railroad (P&BVR). The first train to enter Peoria was from this company in 1854, the only train it ever ran. In February 1855, the P&BV RR leased the entire facility to the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific RR (C.R.I.P. RR) in perpetuity for the sum of \$250,000 per year, which would be approximately \$5.75 million in 2012 CPI dollars.

► The first Rock Island depot burned down in the summer of 1889. The CRIPRR built the existing depot which served the line and community until the Rock Island ceased operations in 1978. The Chillicothe Historical Society acquired the derelict depot in 1981 and refurbished it into a fine Railroad Museum.

► The Chicago Santa Fe and California Railway Co. (CSCRwy) later becoming the ATSF, began buying land across Chillicothe Township approximately three quarters of a mile north of the RI depot in March of 1887. The right of way (ROW) including land for a depot, roundhouse, maintenance and service buildings, rail yard, stock pens and gravel pit would require over 700 acres at a price of over \$95,000 which would equal more than \$37.3 million in 2012. By December 1887 the Santa Fe Land Company platted and filed the first of three Additions to the Town of Chillicothe. The Second and Third Additions were platted and filed in February 1888 and began selling real estate lots to the public. The plats extended from the south ROW line of the railway south to Truitt Street.

Relative Worth over time is derived with the calculator created by Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, "The Annual Consumer Price Index for the United States, 1774-2012," Measuring Worth, 2013 URL: <http://www.measuringworth.com/uscpil/>

► In 1920, George Pelini and three fellow Italian immigrants, Amadeus Giuliani, Joseph Coletta and Edward Busnardo established the **White Star Bus Line** to provide bus service between Chillicothe and Peoria. The line's first successful route was Peoria to Ottawa, Illinois. The bus line ran until it was bought out by Peoria Charter Coach Company in 1958. The peak round trip Chillicothe to Peoria runs per day was 20. Some of the drivers over the years were George Pelini, Mel Pelini, Walter Zilm, Clarence Sefried, Dale Stoner, Joe Coletta, Glen Sarver

► John Wesley McCulley, a Chillicothe grocer living on the north side of Truitt Street in 1884, with his wife Emily Thompson McCulley, adopted their oldest son Rolla's sixteen month old boy, William Johnston McCulley, following the death of Rolla's wife Clarabelle. Rolla died ten years later and "Little Willie" was raised by his adoptive parents. William Johnston graduated from Chillicothe High School in 1901. In 1919 "**Johnston**" McCulley wrote the five part magazine serial "The Curse of Capistrano" for Argosy Magazine and sold the movie rights to Douglas Fairbanks Sr. Fairbanks who changed the name to "The Mark of Zorro." The story established the basis for the credo of McCulley's dual identity, masked superhero, "Zorro". Modern day superhero story writers acknowledge that McCulley's writing has influenced how they fashioned their superheroes.



► In the Spring of 1890, the residents of the territory owned by the Santa Fe Land Company north of Truitt Street petitioned the State of Illinois to organize a Village to be known as "The Village of North Chillicothe." That effort was successful and the Village became a reality on April 14, 1890. The Village of North Chillicothe continued as a separate unit until its merger with the City of Chillicothe in 1970.

► The first movie theater in Chillicothe was established in the building now known as the Bacon Building in 1908. It was named **The Orpheum** and showed silent movies and boxing match reels. A pianist accompanied many features. Juanita Swanson's mother played the piano at that movie house. Juanita is a Historical Society Founding Member. In 1910, the Orpheum moved into a new building built as a movie house by the George Washington Lodge #222. Several years later it became the Majestic, which later became the Palace Theater. The **Sunset Theater** was built by Elmer Sturm in 1926, opened in 1927 and became the **Town Theater** in 1946 when Kerasotes Bros. purchased it. The "Town" name was chosen through a mail-in contest. The winning named was submitted by Mrs. Fred (Flossie) Harvey who won a one year free pass to the theater.



